

**IN THE TITLE**

**Please amend the Title as follows:**

**A HEARING AID HAVING A SUPPLY SOURCE PROVIDING MULTIPLE SUPPLY**  
**VOLTAGES**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 23:**

Battery 110 includes a number of battery regions 112-1 – 112-M, where the battery regions 112-1 – 112-M are formed as part of a single battery. Each of the battery regions 112-1 – 112-M has a rated output voltage. The rated output voltage is the operational voltage, or voltage range, for which each battery region 112-1, ...112-M is designed to provide a supply voltage. In various embodiments, the rated output voltages available at the voltage taps depend on the application to which the battery provides a number of voltage taps. Any operating voltage level over a wide range of voltages may be provided by battery 110. In an embodiment, battery regions 112-1-112-M are voltage sources providing the same output voltage allowing battery 110 to provide spare voltage taps to a system configured to switch to one or more spare voltage taps. In an embodiment, battery regions 112-1-112-M are voltage sources with taps providing at least a 3.8V tap, a 2.6V tap, and a 1.3V tap. Over time and/or use, the output voltage of a battery region 112-1, ...112-M is reduced. In an embodiment, battery [[100]] 110 is replaced when the output voltage of at least one of the battery regions 112-1 – 112-M drops below a predetermined minimum. In another embodiment, battery [[100]] 110 is recharged when the output voltage of at least one of the battery regions 112-1 – 112-M drops below a predetermined minimum.